(d) whether Government proposes to set up any regulary body to regulator the real estate sector;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) to (f) Rise in real estate prices has been observed in recent years. The Ministry of Urban Development does not maintain data on prices of real estate. The reasons for rise could be related to fast growth rates and market factors. As per Entry 5 of the State List in the 7th Schedule of the Constitution of India "Local Government" is a State subject. The regulation of activities of property developer and builders comes under the purview of state Governments, Urban Local Bodies/Development Authorities under the provisions of State Town & Country Planning/City Development Authority Acts. However, the Government is considering formulation of a Real Estate Management (Regulation and Control) Bill, which will be applicable to the National Capital Territory of Delhi and will also act as a model legislation for other states. The Bill is at a draft stage.

Implementation of Yamuna Action Plan

*217. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the progress so far made in the implementation of the Yamuna Action Plan and the expenditure incurred thereon so far;

(b) whether the Plan has so far failed in its object; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) to (c) The Government of India has undertaken Yamuna Action Plan (YAP) for abatement of pollution of river Yamuna with the assistance from Japan Bank for International Cooperation. Government of Japan in a phased manner. YAP Phase-I was launcherd in 1993 with the completion period upto the year 2000. However, this phase was extended upto 2003 owing to inclusion of additional works on the directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court as well as by the Government of India . The second phase of YAP was started in December 2004 with the completion period of 5 years.

A total of 269 pollution abatement works pertaining to interception and diversion of sewage, installation of Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs), Low Cost Sanitation, Crematoria, River Front Development, Public Participation and Awareness among others, were taken up in YAP Phase-I at a cost of Rs. 682 crore in 21 towns in the three States of U.P., Haryana and Delhi. A total of 38 STPs having a treatment capacity of 753.25 million litres per day (mld) have been created under this phase.

YAP Phase-II was formulated to take up other pollution abatement works of the river Yamuna, as prioritized by the States. This phase includes, (i) installation/rehabilitation of STPs and rehabilitation/replacement of trunk sewers in Delhi, (ii) installation of STPs, laying of sewer lines and rising mains in Agra, Uttar Pradesh and , (iii) laying of sewer in six towns

of Haryana. The estimated cost of this phase is Rs. 624 crores . An amount of Rs. 61.14 crores has been released to the State Governments for completion of 20 schemes sanctioned under this Plan so far. These schemes are under various stages of progress. In addition to the above, the Government of the NCT of Delhi has also taken up large scale sewerage, non-sewerage and sewage treatment works out of its own Plan funds.

While the water quality of river Yamuna is within the prescribed limits in the State of Haryana, it has not shown the desired improvement in Delhi and some parts of U.P. because of phenomenal increase of population upstream of the river and lack of availability of fresh water for ensuring minimum flow in the river.

Overseas employment promotion council

*218. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to set up Overseas Employment Promotion Council to regulate employment;

(b) if so, the detaisls thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) and (b) Yes , Sir. The Government proposes to set up a "Council for Promotion of Overseas Employment" (CPOE) . The Council will function as a strategic 'Think Tank' for the Government and respond to the changes in the dynamic International labour market on a real time basis to identify future overseas employment opportunities, the emerging labour supply gaps and country/sector specific skill requirements, make realistic projections and plans for overseas deployment of workers, disseminate relevant information in the rural areas and implement a sustained skill upgradation programme to match the market requirement. Cabinet has approved the proposal. The council will be operational in the ensuing financial year.

(c) Question does not arise.

Preservation of Yamuna

*219. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that Government of NCT of Delhi has experts' proposal how best to preserve the good old Yamuna;

(b) if so, the salient features of the proposal; and

(c) to what extent the proposal is feasible to be made effective and at what cost?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) to (c) According to the information povided by the Delhi Jal Board, Government of NCT of Delhi, it has evolved the concept of laying interceptor sewers along the three major drains in Delhi to prevent the flow of untreated sewage into the river Yamuna. The salient features of the proposal are: